

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Annual Report and Plan
for Stafford Schools Head Start

ITEM NO: 9A

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MEETING: September 28, 2004

ACTION DATE: September 28, 2004

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the Stafford County School Board approve the 2004-2005 Stafford Head Start Annual Plan and goals.

KEY POINTS: The 2003-2004 Program Information Report details key program statistics and services from last year. The following Stafford Schools Head Start Goals for 2004-2005 were recommended by fifteen focus committees, developed and approved by Policy Council:
(* Long term goals)

- Goal #1 Improve program quality for safety and health of children:
- Establish and post formal diapering sanitation procedures
 - Fence in area around the Taylor building
 - Install new tile flooring as funds are available*
 - Install security cameras as funds are available*
 - Add additional structures to the playground as funds are available*
 - Investigate possibility of satellite dental clinic on Head Start site*
- Goal #2 Improve transportation services for safety and health of children
- Purchase school buses with built-in child restraint seats as funds are available*
- Goal #3 Increase students' success in kindergarten
- Provide developmental instruction so that 85% of students score mastery level in all age appropriate skills on the Stafford Head Start Skills Assessment
 - Develop a separate curriculum for the three-year-old children
 - Implement Devereux Early Childhood Assessment for tracking and improving effectiveness of mental health intervention services
 - Investigate ongoing source of funding for mental health services
 - Coordinate with Child Find outreach efforts
 - Develop budget that continues high quality of program services with limited increases in federal funds
 - Serve additional children as funds become available*
- Goal #4 Increase success rate of family case management

- Hire minority staff and staff fluent in Spanish and Arabic languages*
- Provide focused training for family service staff

Goal #5 Improve quality of program monitoring and planning

- Provide focused training for administrative staff

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL:

- #1** - Provide educational excellence through instruction that establishes high expectations for *all* students yet recognizes the unique needs of each learner.
- #3** - Encourage parents and the community to increase their interest and involvement in our schools.
- #4** - Address the impact of continuing population growth by developing plans to address expanding staff, facilities, transportation, attendance zones, and instruction.
- #5** - Provide facilities that promote student learning and community support
- #7** - Provide school environments where teachers are safe to teach and students are safe to learn

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Head Start Federal Funds

AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE:

Head Start Act, 1998
Head Start Program Performance Standards, 45 CFR Part 1304, 1305, 1310